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Dublin, March 8.

THIS Day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in the usual State to the House of Lords, and the Commons with their Speaker attending, his Excellency gave the Royal assent to

An Act to prevent the fraudulent and clandestine importing of Goods.

An Act to prevent Marriages by degraded Clergymen and Popish Priests, and for preventing Marriages consummated from being avoided by Precontracts, and for the more effectual punishing of Bigamy.

An Act for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs, and for ascertaining their Fees, and the Fees for suing out their Patents and passing their Accounts.

An Act for explaining and amending An Act, Intituled, An Act for continuing and amending the Laws in Relation to Butter and Tallow, and the Casks in which such Goods are to be made up, and in Relation to the curing of Hides, and making up of Beef and Pork for Exportation, and for preventing the Destruction of Salmon.

An Act for continuing several Temporary Statutes made in this Kingdom, and now near expiring, and for allowing further Time to Persons in Offices to qualify themselves pursuant to an Act, Intituled, An Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery.

An Act for the better preserving the Salmon Fishery of this Kingdom.

An Act for the more effectual transporting of Felons and Vagabonds.

An Act for the more effectual erecting and better regulating of Free-Schools, and for rebuilding and repairing of Churches.

An Act to amend and explain An Act, Intituled, An Act to encourage Building of Houses and making other Improvements on Church Lands, and to prevent Dilapidations.

And to Seven private Bills.

After which his Excellency having made the following Speech to both Houses, the Parliament was prorogued to Thursday the 14th Day of April next.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Have with great Satisfaction obeyed His Majesty's Commands, in giving His Royal Assent to those good Laws which have been prepared by you during this Session; and am perswaded they will not only contribute to the Advancement of the Protestant Religion, but also to the Peace and Tranquility of the Country, and to the Preservation and Increase of the Trade of this Kingdom. His Majesty's Goodness in giving you the Bill, for the more easy passing of Sheriffs Accounts, is a fresh Instance of His Royal Favour, and Care to promote upon every Occasion the Security and Ease of His People.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am commanded by His Majesty to return you Thanks for the Supplies which you have so chearfully given for the Support of the Establishment: I must likewise particularly acknowledge the late Instance of your inviolable Attachment to His Majesty's Interest and Service, which you have shewn by that unanimous Resolution, whereby you have enabled His Majesty to give an immediate Credit to the Warrants for clearing the Army, and the Half-Pay Officers, and to put the Forces upon this Establishment into a Condition to discourage all Attempts of our Enemies.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It has been my earnest Desire, ever since my coming to this Government, to promote every thing to the utmost of my Power, which I thought might conduce to His Majesty's Service, and the general Good of this Kingdom; and your respective Addresses give me Reason to hope, that my Endeavours having proved to your Satisfaction, have not been altogether unsuccessful.

I question not but by your Vigilance in your several Stations throughout the Country, effectual Care will be taken, that those who have it in their Inclinations, may not be able to disturb the publick Peace; to the Preservation of which Nothing can contribute more, than a due and impartial Execution of the Laws, which, under God, are the chief Security of our Constitution in Church and State, and a strict Union among Protestants, who ought at this Time, when all Europe seems alarmed, to be particularly active against the Designs of the Pretender and his Adherents.

I cannot put an End to this Session, without expressing how agreeable it has been to me to observe, from Time to Time, the many Marks of Loyalty and Affection which you have shewn to His Majesty's Sacred Person, to His Royal Family and Government: And I shall not fail, on my Return into His Majesty's Presence, to make a faithful Report to His Majesty of the dutiful Behaviour of His loyal Subjects of Ireland.

Whitehall, March 14.

His Majesty having been pleased to order his Congé d'Elire to be sent to the Dean and Chapter of Chester, for electing the Reverend Mr. Samuel Peploe Warden of Christ's College in Manchester, to be Bishop of that See, in the Room of Dr. Francis Gastrell, deceased; the said Dean and Chapter did accordingly make that Election on the 4th Instant.

Navy-Office, March 11. 1725.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half-Pay to the Sea Officers from the 1st of January 1724 to the 31st of December last, according to His Majesty's Establishment on that behalf; These are to give Notice, that the said Payments will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad-street on Tuesday the 22d Instant for the Captains, Wednesday the 23d for the Lieutenants, and Thursday the 24th for the Masters; that all